



Marriott appreciates those that make it one of the most successful hospitality chains around the world

Wednesday, October 22 was Global Appreciation Day for the Marriott chain of resorts. On this day they acknowledge those that contribute to the success of the resorts outside of their staff and management. This includes independent vendors who provide goods and services, and regular patrons that use their facilities religiously. This year in Aruba, Global Appreciation Day also included the local media, who place before the public the many events the Marriott hosts and the community projects they conduct.

Over sixty invitees gathered in the ballroom of the Marriott Resort and Stellaris Casino in Palm Beach to enjoy fresh sushi, hand rolled before their eyes and other delightful delicacies from the Marriott culinary staff. Each was personally welcomed by Antoinette van den Berg, Director of Sales and Chela De Lannoy, Sales Manager, along with Karen Swiers, Director of P/R. General Manager Rick Zeolla and Flor van de Vaart, manager of the Ocean Club were also on hand to greet everyone. Johnny Sharbaay provided the perfect background music on the keyboards and the mood was mellow.

Marriott's Regional Vice President of Revenue Strategy for the Latin and Caribbean Region, Chris Holter, traveled to Aruba specifically to offer thanks on behalf of the home office to the many individuals whose continued support helps to make the resort a success on the island. She pointed out that just as she was speaking to the gathering this day in Aruba, so Marriott management personnel in every one of their facilities around the world were performing this same worthy task. Her heartfelt words of gratitude were greatly appreciated by those attending, as was the beautifully elegant fete in their honor.

The Marriott management recognizes that the maintenance of a successful facility requires not only an excellent staff that are inspired and motivated, but also the friendship and cooperation of the community in which they exist. This is attained through a rapport with many sectors of the population, and this was their day to be recognized for their continued contribution.